Strengthening of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science

694. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for strengthening of the Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science under the Assam Agricultural University was included in the Ninth Plan of the North-East Council;

(b) if so, the financial outlays proposed, total outlays finalised, total allocations and utilisation made during the last two years;

(c) the targets fixed for completion of the project, allocation made for 1999-2000 and for subsequent years indicating reasons for delay in execution; and

(d) the action contemplated to ensure early utilisation and timely completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Financial outlay proposed by the NEC—Rs. 5.00 crores. Total outlay finalised by the Planning Commission for the 9th Plan—Rs. 50.00 lakhs. Total allocation and fund released during the last two years is Rs. 40.00 lakhs and expenditure is nil.

(c) Target fixed for completion of the Project was 12th March, 2000.

Allocation made for 1999—2000—Nil.

Delay is due to failure on the part of the Assam Agricultural University *i.e.* implementing agency to utilise the funds already released by NEC amounting to Rs. 40.00 lakhs and further funds could not be released due to absence of physical progress and Utilisation Certificate;

(d) A project Execution Committee has been constituted by Assam Agricultural University and the first meeting of the Committee was held on 5th January, 2000. It was decided in the meeting to take appropriate expeditious action for completion of the project.

Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure

695. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question 314 in Rajya Sabha on 7th July, 1998 and to state:

(a) A details of guidelines for reimbursement of security related expenditure approved by Government;

(b) the various parameters of reimbursable expenditure;

(c) The amount of fund allocated in the budget, amount claimed and amount released to each of the affected States including Assam till December, 1999 (State-wise, year-wise); and

(d) the other form of assistance extended to affected States to deal with insurgency problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.314 for 7.7.98 it was, inter alia, stated that further reimbursement of security related expenditure to Assam would be made after the guidelines for reimbursement of security related expenditure were approved by the Central Government. The guidelines for reimursement of security related expenditure for insurgent affected areas in North-East have since been approved. A copy of the approved guidelines is enclosed, as Statement I. (*See* below)

(c) A Statement containing the requisite information in respect of States entitled to reimbursement of security related expenditure is enclosed. As Statement II. (*See* below).

(d) Other forms of assistance extended to the States are for modernisation of Police Force, deployment of Army/CPMF, ex-gratia to next of kins of victims and gratuitious relief to victims of extremist violence, etc.

Statement-I

Guidelines for reimbursement of security related expenditure for insurgency affected states in the North East

Eligiblity Criteria for the State

The North Eastern states have been facing serious insurgency/ militancy for the past several years. This has resulted in these States having to incur huge expenditures for maintaining peace and tranquillity. Furthermore, the disturbed conditions in these States have adversely affected the economic development of the region, which in turn made debilitating impact upon the

revenue of these States. Lack of adequate income coupled with additional burden due to militancy/insurgency has completed these states to come up with requests to the Central Government for the reimbursement of additional security related expenditure (SRI) borne by them due to the prevailing security situation in the North East.

In order to evolve guidelines for security related expenditure of an insurgency/militancy affected State, it may be necessary to first identity a state which can be called to be insurgency/militancy affected. A State to be eligible for reimbursement of expenditure needs to fulfil the following critoria.

(i) Existence and activities by one or more banned organisation/s (which has been declared unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. 1967) in the State.

(ii) Deployment of para-military forces in many areas of the State for counter-insurgency operations.

(iii) Declaration or part of whole of the state as disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.

Items eligible for Reimbursement

2. The Items of expenditure which will be considered for reimbursement by the Central Govt. Would be primarily those which have a direct bearing on the modernisation of Police Force in the eligible States. However, keeping in view the existing security scenario in these States some additional Security Related Expenditure (SRE) of inevitable nature which has been borne by these States will also be considered for reimbursement till such time as the State can meet additional expenditure from within their own resources.

Accordingly, the following items of expenditure will be considered for reimbursement.

(i) Expenditure incurred by the State Govts. Including transportation on items like purchase of new vehicles/bullet proofing of new/ existing vehicles, purchase of automatic/semi-automatic weapons along with ammunition, bullet proof jackets and other protective gear and procurement of latest communication equipment, both mobile and static, bomb detectors, explosive detectors, computors etc.

Extent of reimbursement—Reimbursement for these items will be done till such time the special scheme for modernisation of police forces in North East is approved subject to the limits sanctioned by this Ministry. Bullet proofing of vehicles will be reimbursable to the following extent:—

Each Police Station	1 Vehicle
Each Coy of SAP	6 vehicles
Each Sp	3 Vehicles
Each DC	3 Vehicles
VIPS	As per requirement.

As regards arms and ammunition, non bullet proof vehicles, communication devices are concerned reimbursement will be permissible for any expenditure incurred for upgradation of these items till the norms set by BPR&D is achieved.

(ii) Additional expenditure incurred in connection with capital works on jails and detention centres attached to police stations—the expenditure incurred on capital works on jails shall be as per Central Government norms in this regard.

(iii) Special training provided to State Police and Prison administration personnel for countor insurgency purposes. The training should be in designated training institutes like NEPA, Jungle welfare school or in a CRPF Group Centre etc.

(iv) The Central Government already reimburses expenditure upto a maximum of Rs. 9 crores per Bn. for the raising of IR Bns. by the State Govts. in case of the eligible states. If the expenditure incurred by them on raising IR Bns exceeds Rs. 9 crores per Bn. then the aditional amount will also be re-imbursed under SRE subject to the ceiling of the cost of raising a CRPF Bn.

3. Besides certain inevitale items, on which expenditure has been incurred may also be reimbursed. These include:—

(i) Expenditure incurred by State Governments in making necessary provisious for CPMF/Army deployment—This may include

provisions for transport, communication, accommodation, and other legislation for CPMFs, it may be suggested that the Vouchers to be kept by State Govt. and countersigned CPMFs/ Army.

Extent of expenditure—Expenditure incurred in the past may be reimbursed on actuals. Expenditure in the regard will be reimbursed directly by Central Para-Military Force Units to State Government for services/ facilities provided. Amount for reimbursement of this expenditure incurred by Central Para-Military Forces will be provided separately in Ministry of Home Affairs budget and paid according to norms fixed.

(ii) *Ex-gratia* grant and gratutious relief to the victims of extremist violence—This may also include special relief provided to civilians who are affected by large scale misery resulting out of militant activity.

Extent of reimbursement—This reimbursement will be subject to a maximum as follows:—

Civilian	Rs. 1 lakh
Policemen	Rs. 2 lakhs

and further subject to actual disbursement by the State Government.

(iii) Expenditure incurred for transporting arrested militants to jails outside the state or those arrested from outside the state and brought to the state by special flights etc.—Based on actual expenditure supported by vouchers.

4. Any expenditure on the above items which has been incurred with Central assistance will not be eligible to the extent that Central assistance has already been availed for that purpose.

5. The expenditure for reimbursement will be considered on the basic of audited accounts in this regard. However, to ensure that the State does not suffer because of delay in audit of accounts, adhoc releases will be made on the basis of accounts furnished by the State Government and due scrutiny by Finance Ministry/Integrated Finance Division. These adhoc payments will be adjusted after final audited accounts are made available.

Statement-II

Funds allocated in the budget, amount claimed and amount released to each of the affected State including Assam till December 1999 (Statewise, year-wise)

(Rupees in Crores)

State	Year	Budget Estimate	Amount Claimed	Amount Released/ Admissible
Assam	1997-98* 1998-99** 1999-2000***	131.91 162.45@ 100.00@	343.21 245.18 105.70	131.91 78.86 48.07
Nagaland	1998-99 1999-2000	162.45@ 100.00@	11.91 Nil	35.61 & 13.23@
Manipur	1998-99 1999-2000	162.45@ 100.00@	82.59 Nil	19.43 & 3.74@
Tripura	1998-99 1999-2000	162.45@ 100.00@	20.98 Nil	28.55 & 15.73@

* Claim for 1990—95
** Claim for 1995—98
*** Claim for 1998-99
@ Budget estimate is common for SRE for all NE States.
& Amount released relates to the year 1995-96 and 1996-97
^ Amount released relates to the year 1997-98 and 1998-99

State	Year	Budget Estimate	Admissible Claim	Amount Released/ Admissible
J & K	1989-90	—	2.12	—
	1990-91	114.31	114.31	114.31
	1991-92	—	98.84	—
	1992-93	150.00	150.09	150.00
	1993-94	112.50	122.06	112.50
	1994-95	96.55	134.07	96.55
	1995-96	182.00	142.69	182.00
	1996-97	235.00	151.99	234.99
	1997-98	155.00	249.52	154.96
	1998-99	273.00	173.41	273.00
	1999-2000 (upto Dec'99)	365.23	191.14	199.08

Andhra Pradesh	1999-2000	50.00*	30.46	30.46
Bihar	1999-2000	50.00*	28.80	—
Madhya Pradesh	1999-2000	50.00*	5.00	5.00
Maharashtra	1999-2000	50.00*	1.96	1.96
Orissa	1999-2000	50.00*	3.58	3.58

*Common for all States affected by Left-Wing Extremists.

Ban on Government Employees Joining RSS

696. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a ban on Government employees joining Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh;

(b) if so, when it was imposed and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether some of the state Governments have lifted the ban in respect of their Government employees joining RSS, if so, on what grounds and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of Central Civil Services (Conduct) rules 1964, no Government Servant shall be a member of or be otherwise associated with any political party or any organisation which takes part in politics nor shall he take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner any political movement or activity. A clarification was issued on 30.11.1966 under which Central Government servants were prohibited from participating in the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

(c) The Government of Gujarat vide their Order dated 3.1.2000 have recently lifted the ban on their State Government Employees from participating in the activities of RSS'

In terms of entry No. 41 under List-II State List' of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, State Public Services are within the exclusive purview of the respective State Government. Article 309 of the Constitution lays down that the Governor of the State shall be the competent authority to make rules regulating the conditions of service of persons appointed to posts/